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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication mailed April 11, 2005, Applicant presents the following election of claims and a Preliminary Amendment. Applicant requests consideration of the claim amendments and remarks presented herein prior to examination.

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